

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company  
Docket Nos. D.T.E. 02-24/25  
Responses to the Division of Energy Resources First Set of Information Requests

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**Request No. DOER 1-17 (Electric):**

Please refer to page 38, line 7. Please define, and describe the purpose of, "customer deposits", and explain why they are in rate base.

**Response:**

The customer deposits account is the balance of deposits received by FG&E from customers in accordance with its credit policies and DTE guidelines. The amount is deducted from rate base in accordance with DTE precedent, recognizing such funds being held by FG&E.

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